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## Forrestal's Plea For More Power May Start Fight

### Defense Head Warns Of 'Hard Decisions' Ahead for Nation

By John A. Giles

The stage was set today for a possible new fight in Congress after a plea by Defense Secretary Forrestal for greater power over the Nation's armed services.

Mr. Forrestal's request for measures to strengthen his control was contained in a report in which the Defense Secretary also declared that the United States must help rearm non-Communist Europe even though the cost "may necessitate hard decisions by our people." The report, issued last night, covered his first 15 months as defense chief.

Mr. Forrestal did not say what "hard decisions" he had in mind, but plainly he meant the possibility of higher taxes and more shortages at home while American dollars are poured into the wall being erected against Russian Communist aggression.

Mr. Forrestal said he had in mind a matter which will have to be dealt with in decisive fashion by the United States in the coming months.

It does not follow that we have to embark immediately upon a vast program of military aid, but rather that we show, by the beginning of such a program in modest proportions, that we intend to follow through the actions involved in the European Recovery Act.

His report was devoted largely to a review of the military establishment under his direction, his difficulties in settling constant bickering, and his recommendations to the White House for changes in the uniform law to bring about accord.

He said that he had found that competition over money, contrasting responsibilities of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and unfamiliarity of officers of one service with the workings of another were the causes of the controversies.

Asks Substitute Chief.  
The creation of an Undersecretary of Defense who would take over automatically when the chief is absent was one major recommendation.

He saw "great progress" in the construction of a firm foundation for the future administration of the defense establishment, but added that it would be less than candid, however, if I did not underline the fact that there are still great areas in which the viewpoints of the services have not come together.

To bring about accord Mr. Forrestal said he had been working on a substitute chief of staff, an undersecretaryship, would:

1. Give the Defense Secretary statutory "responsibility for exercising direction, authority and control over the departments and agencies."

The present statute provides that it shall be the duty of the Defense Secretary to establish "general policies and programs" and to exercise "general direction, authority and control" over the three departments.

Mr. Forrestal said he would like to delete the word "general" in both passages and broaden his authority in "other related respects."

Previously Defeated.  
At the 1947 session of Congress, Representative Cole, Republican of New York offered an amendment to delete the word "general" in the act, but the House refused to accept his amendment. Mr. Forrestal now proposes that the same amendment be offered in the Democratic-controlled Congress convening next week.

2. Eliminate the President's personal Chief of Staff from membership in the Joint Chiefs of Staff organization and designate a "responsible head" for the joint chiefs. Remove or raise the ceiling of 100 officers on the size of the joint staff.

3. Clarify the Defense Secretary's authority with regard to personnel, presumably to give him more authority in selection.

4. Exclude the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force from membership on the National Security Council, leaving the Defense Secretary as the only military representative.

The list, which largely parallels those previously set forth by the Eberstadt Committee in its report on the Hoover Commission on Governmental Organization, is not complete, Mr. Forrestal said, but does "indicate the general aspects in which the act seems to me to require strengthening."

Boosts Reserve Affairs.  
His report also contained his memorandum to President Truman (Continued on Page A-3, Col. 2.)

### Black-Marketing Charged To U. S. Colonel in Tokyo

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Dec. 30.—Charges of large-scale black-marketing have been filed against Lt. Col. Arthur E. Toose, Westbury, Long Island, N. Y., 8th Army headquarters reported today.

Col. Toose, former commanding officer of the 64th Topographical Battalion here, will be tried by a general court-martial in Yokohama in January.

## All Catholics Who Aided Arrest Of Cardinal Excommunicated

### Sacred Consistorial Congregation at Vatican Publishes Decree Against Hungarians

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 30.—The Vatican excommunicated today all Roman Catholics who had anything to do with the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary.

The action was taken by the Sacred Consistorial Congregation in a decree dated December 28 and published today.

The Communist-run government of Hungary announced the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty last Monday and accused him of plotting against the government, spying, treason and black market money dealings.

Cardinal Mindszenty was a "sponsor of Hungarian Fascism." Ten other church figures also are held.

Excommunication cuts members of the church off from all sacraments. As a punishment, it is surpassed in church penalties only by the pronouncement of "anathema"—an ecclesiastical curse.

The decree classed all offenders in this case under "infamia juris"—the infamy of the law—which would

mean the crime involved was on a level with rape, heresy and simony. Simony is illicit traffic in sacred things.

The condemnation is pronounced under the canonical law specially reserved to the Apostolic See. This means that the offense can be forgiven only by the Holy See itself. Thus such a condemnation ranks among the highest degrees of excommunication and expression of the church's anger.

The Roman Catholic Church excommunicated all who had anything to do with the conviction and imprisonment of the head of the church in Yugoslavia, Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, in 1946.

Archbishop Stepinac was sent to prison for 16 years by the Communist Yugoslav government on charges of wartime collaboration with the Germans.

Catholics who are excommunicated are banned from all public services and prayers of the church, from Catholic burial and from social contacts with the faithful.

The Vatican radio broadcast a "See CARDINAL, Page A-5."

## Final Plans Shaping Up For Great 'Stop Russia' Aid in Europe, Orient

### State Department Told To Mesh All Arms Tasks And Economic Help

By the Associated Press

The Government set to work today on final plans for a great new extension of America's "stop Russia" policy—including a multibillion-dollar program of military aid to Western Europe.

Officials hope to complete the planning project promptly. Their recommendations are expected to provide the basis for President Truman's foreign policy address to Congress sometime after his state-of-the-Union message, which is scheduled for next Wednesday.

An announcement last yesterday disclosed that Mr. Truman has ordered the State Department to coordinate all planning of all foreign military assistance programs. The department then must mesh these with American economic assistance like that going to Europe's Marshall Plan countries.

Projects Cover Foreign Aid.  
The military projects cover aid to Greece and Turkey, which may run around \$350,000,000 next year; any arms to China (the military cost of China aid this year is \$125,000,000) and the projected gift of guns, tanks and other military equipment to the Western European countries—principally Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The European rearmament program was given a powerful shove by Secretary of Defense Forrestal last night. He warned that its cost "may necessitate hard decisions by our people."

But, he added: "In my own mind, the choice is clear—we must do all in our power to re-create the confidence and hope of Europe."

Truman Wants Full Report.  
Mr. Truman's official announcement of the planning project indicated that what he wants the State Department to do is to pull the military and economic projects together and give him answers to three big questions Congress is expected to ask:

1. Why should the United States undertake these projects? How much will they cost? And what materials are available to supply them?

2. Undersecretary of State Lovett picked the State Department's legal adviser, Ernest A. Gross, to undertake the task. Mr. Gross is the department's chief directly responsible for drafting legislation to be laid before Congress.

Preliminary Work Started.  
Much preliminary work on all the foreign aid proposals has already been done by the State Department, the Economic Co-operation Administration and the military establishment. Their separate efforts are now being combined in a single set of proposals expected to include these:

1. Continue the Marshall plan for European recovery through the Secretary of State.

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## Dutch Claim Capture Of Last Important Area in Indonesia

### South Sumatra Oil Field Declared Taken in Almost Undamaged Condition

By the Associated Press

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 30.—The Dutch announced today that they have seized the last economically important area controlled by the Indonesian Republic, the Djambi oil fields in Southern Sumatra.

"On the whole, the installations were undamaged," the communiqué said, referring obliquely to Republican scorched-earth tactics. "Efforts to set fire to them resulted in a few unimportant fires only. Resistance was negligible."

A Republican radio station, broadcasting from "somewhere in Java," said guerrillas made synchronized attacks early yesterday on Dutch-held Malang, Semarang, Walikukun and Bandjarnegara.

Some buildings were destroyed at Malang, portmen posted at the town's borders were captured and "tom tom beating by the population added to the confusion of the retreating Dutch troops," said the broadcast, heard in Batavia.

Another Leader Seized.  
The seizure of Djambi Wednesday marked part of the Dutch Army's race to complete its campaign before the imposition of cease-fire orders. The Dutch told the Security Council Wednesday that these would be effective in Java at midnight New Year's eve and in Sumatra two or three days later.

The communiqué also reported the capture of Chief of Staff Daanjanja of the Republican Silwangi Division. It said Daanjanja was responsible for the infiltration of Republican guerrillas into Dutch areas of West Java.

The Dutch position ever since the "police action" of 1947 has been that the Dutch occupy not only the areas where their troops are in actual physical position, but also the areas between their columns penetrating into the interior. This view was sustained in effect by the Renville truce agreement.

The Dutch have occupied all major Republican cities in Java and have linked up many of them. The capture of Djambi opens the way for a similar linkup between Dutch forces in Northern and Southern Sumatra.

"This dispatch passed through Dutch censorship. The Indonesian Republic has no standard news channels to the outside world."

Newsman Barred From Front.  
Despite the speed of the Dutch advances, news correspondents and photographers are still not permitted to visit the fronts. Requests today to see the South Sumatran fighting brought a flat refusal.

Yesterday the Dutch policy of fighting was the Dutch policy of fighting. The Dutch policy of fighting was the Dutch policy of fighting.

The commission is made up of the consuls general of Australia, Belgium, China, France, Britain and the United States. They will meet again tomorrow.

The United Nations Good Offices Committee, a second international group here observing the progress of Dutch military activity in Indonesia, said it had nothing further to report.

## Prokofieff Admits Criticism Is Just, Red Papers Say

By the Associated Press

MOSCOW, Dec. 30.—Composer Sergei Prokofieff recognizes as just "the criticism of his latest work," the Moscow press said today.

It quoted a letter from Prokofieff replying to a charge by the general secretary of the Soviet Composers' Union, Tikhon Khrennikov, that "formalism" persisted in his new opera, "The Tale of a Real Person."

The Communist Party Central Committee censured Prokofieff and six other composers last February for "formalism"—which it called a trend against the people. Prokofieff expressed thanks for the committee's letter. Khrennikov, in criticizing Prokofieff's new opera earlier this week, said the other six had made progress in various degrees.

Among Prokofieff's better-known works is "Peter and the Wolf."

## China Awaiting Chiang Decision On Longer War

### New Year Statement Expected to Show Plans for Future

By the Associated Press

NANKING, Dec. 30.—All China today awaited a decision by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his top military commanders whether the new year will be ushered in by continuing war or peace.

The decision, Nanking sources said, may be made in meetings here of Gen. Chiang and his top military men. The militarists gathered from all parts of China reportedly to decide whether to keep trying to stop the victorious Communists or bid for peace.

Conference Report Denied.  
A government spokesman tried, however, to spike reports that Gen. Chiang had called his lieutenants together to discuss China's over-all future.

Instead, Spokesman Shen Changchuan said at his first news conference, the Chinese military leaders came here for "consultations rather than a conference."

This was taken to mean they were here for individual rather than collective meetings with the Chinese President.

The Chinese looked forward to Gen. Chiang's promised first of the year statement for some inkling of what the generalissimo has on his mind. The big question is will the war continue or is there some hope of peace for China's war-weary millions.

Li's Defection Denied.  
Shen brushed off a report that Vice President Li Tsung-jen had joined the national government now advocating peace with the Communists.

Shen said: "I met Vice President Li this morning. When told of the report he was much surprised, saying 'I share the same opinion entertained by President Chiang.'"

Asked if this was confirmation or denial of the report on Li, Shen said the generalissimo's views—in which Gen. Chiang emphasized his determination to fight on against the Reds—was well known. That military spokesmen said "stands" until Chiang makes another one.

War Front Is Quiet.  
On the war front itself there was comparative quiet—a strange quiet for China which has known countless wars through the centuries and has been involved in almost continuous strife since the 1911 revolution when Sun Yat-sen overthrew the Manchu dynasty.

The Communists themselves seemed to be watching the Nanking meetings with great interest. Their forces now besieging Peiping, Tientsin, Taiyuan and the approaches to Nanking itself, reportedly were regrouping.

If Gen. Chiang decides to continue the war, an all-out attack by the Communists might burst with great force in January. Peiping, Tientsin, Taiyuan and the approaches to Nanking itself, reportedly were regrouping.

Gen. Fu Shih Delays.  
Bad flying weather continued to delay the move from Peiping of Fu Tso-yi, North China commander, who is expected to talk with Gen. Chiang. But T. V. Soong, governor of Kwangtung, and Lu Han, governor of Yunnan province, reached here today from the south, to join other National leaders pouring into Nanking.

Yen Hsiang-han said he came here to arrange food for his armies and people within encircled Taiyuan and that he had made no recommendations to Gen. Chiang "or any one else in Nanking" on the future policies of the government.

Nanking was the scene of constant political activity against a background of recurring reports that a way was being sought for Gen. Chiang's retirement in order to open peace negotiations with the Communists.

The story, however, generally heard in informed circles was that Gen. Chiang had been persuaded to take that step and details were being discussed when the Communists released their list of "war criminals," which was headed by Gen. Chiang.

The generalissimo was very angry, one source said, "and there (See CHINA, Page A-5.)"

## ERP Nations Reduce Requests for 1949-50

By the Associated Press

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Requests for Marshall Plan aid for 1949-50 have been trimmed to about \$4,300,000,000. That figure is about \$700,000,000 less than was used in the first year of the European Recovery Program.

It also represents a smaller amount than was originally discussed on the basis of individual requests.

The figure was decided on by the nations and areas receiving aid as represented in the Council of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation. They decided that some \$300,000,000 of requests could be handled in intra-European trade.

The council also is working on a four-year program aimed to show how Europe can get along without unusual outside aid by the end of 1952, when the Marshall Plan is scheduled to halt.

Most observers say the council will be forced to admit that Europe will have a dollar deficit ranging from \$1,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 in 1952.

Both next year's plan and the report on the four-year program will be submitted to the Economic Cooperation Administration for use when the ECA goes before Congress for its next appropriation.



In observance of New Year's Day, The Star will not be published Saturday, January 1

## Bomber's Propeller Kills Wave Boarding Plane at Air Station

### Questions Daur's Story As He Sees City Heads; Two Witnesses Shifted

A young enlisted WAVE was killed instantly at the Naval Air Station here at 8:30 a.m. today when she walked into the whirling propeller of a B-24 four-engine bomber.

The Public Information Office at the air station said the girl, whose name is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin, was stationed at Pensacola, Fla. She was on leave and appeared at the air station yesterday seeking a ride

to Pensacola. Unable to obtain a ride then, she returned to the station this morning, when she obtained space on the bomber.

She was boarding the plane, officers said, and had crunched a little as she walked under wing from the rear. The big blades struck her in the head and left arm.

The Public Information Office said she had been visiting in New York. Her home is in Philadelphia.

United States Air Force headquarters said the plane fell near Zorneding, Germany, in the Munich area. The cause is being investigated.

The name of the pilot was withheld until his relatives are notified.

A complete investigation was being made today by District officials of an operation performed Tuesday at Glenn Dale Sanatorium in which a surgeon removed ribs from the wrong side of a tubercular woman's chest.

Glenn Dale officials said the woman's left lung was tubercular but the operation was performed on her right side, which was unaffected by the disease. The operation called for eventual collapsing of the tubercular lung.

The woman was reported in serious condition today but Glenn Dale officials said her prospects of recovery are good. Her identity is being withheld by Commissioner Guy Mason who feels her condition might be adversely affected if she learns of the erroneous operation at this time.

Full Report Ordered.  
Health Officer George C. Ruhland and Dr. Daniel L. Finucane, superintendent of Glenn Dale, were ordered by Mr. Mason to submit a full report of the incident as soon as he heard about it late yesterday.

The operation actually was performed by Dr. Frank Ashburn, Washington chest specialist, who serves as a consultant at Glenn Dale, according to Dr. Ruhland. Dr. Ashburn, however, performed the operation following an operation schedule made out by Dr. James S. Conant, chief of surgery at Glenn Dale, both physicians told The Star.

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Dr. Conant said he did not remember exactly when he made out the schedule—a brief outline of the type of operation planned and the date it is to be performed—but said it was at least five days before the surgery was performed.

Dr. Ashburn said an X-ray of the patient's chest was in the operating room, as was the erroneous description of the operation, at 10 a.m. Tuesday when he arrived to operate.

He told The Star he looked at both the schedule and the X-ray but did not notice the discrepancy.

As a result, Dr. Ashburn said, he performed the operation according to the schedule. Known professionally as a thoracoplasty (removal of ribs), the operation was made preparatory to collapsing the woman's healthy right lung. Dr. Ashburn said the lung was not actually collapsed, however, because such operations are performed in stages.

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## F-47 Pilot Is Killed In Crash in Germany

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## Navy Transfers Capt. Kane, Skipper of Carrier Saipan

### Capt. Joseph L. (Paddy) Kane, commanding officer of the aircraft carrier Saipan, which joined the joint Air Force-Navy effort to rescue 12 airmen on a Greenland icecap this week, is being relieved of his command and sent to the office of Chief of Naval Operations here, Navy orders revealed today.

Navy officers said the orders were issued prior to the departure of the Saipan from Norfolk, Va., for the North Atlantic Friday. They did not know when Capt. Kane will make the transfer.

## Air Force GI Gets Life For Slaying D. C. Man

By the Associated Press

TOYKO, Dec. 30.—Sgt. Ross A. Davis of Middleboro, Ky., has been sentenced to life imprisonment after a general court martial convicted him of slaying Sgt. Edward F. Tuit at the Okinawa post exchange last November.

Tuit, who was from Washington, and Davis were members of Air Force units on Okinawa.

## Moves by Barrett Hint Dissatisfaction With Mitchell Grill Case

### Questions Daur's Story As He Sees City Heads; Two Witnesses Shifted

Three moves by Supt. of Police Robert J. Barrett today indicated that he is still dissatisfied with the results of the explosive Mitchell's Grill case.

1. He appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the case and is believed to have added that it be reopened.

2. He told a reporter at the District Building that he does not believe a statement made by a detective who is a new figure in the case.

3. He included in a list of routine police changes two transfers of men who had testified for the grill in the hearings on a long list of alleged violations of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regulations.

Maj. Barrett, while waiting to see the Commissioners, said he did not believe Precinct Detective Charles K. Daub, whose testimony supported the story told by Pvt. Frank Manthos, that he was Pvt. Manthos who started all the fireworks by accusing Pvt. Samuel E. Wallace of "sand-bagging" the grill.

Verdict Reversed.  
The grill was found guilty by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of 41 liquor law violations, based on evidence collected by Pvt. Wallace. This decision was reversed by the Commissioners earlier this week.

It was at the appeal hearing Tuesday before the Commissioners that Detective Daub appeared in the case.

Defense Attorney F. Joseph Donohue told the Commissioners they could check the veracity of witnesses by calling a third person—Daub—to confirm a statement made by Pvt. Manthos and denied by Pvt. Wallace.

The statement was that Pvt. Manthos and Pvt. Wallace met at precinct No. 1 in the presence of a third person, after Pvt. Wallace had investigated the grill, and discussed the case.

Daub Statement Questioned.  
Pvt. Wallace has denied that any one else was present when he discussed the case with Pvt. Manthos. Charles Stofberg, special assistant to Commissioner John Russell Young, was told to get in touch with Mr. Daub and ask if he saw such a meeting. Mr. Stofberg said Mr. Daub told him in a telephone call that he was present at the meeting.

It is this statement by Detective Daub who is reported on sick leave today, that Maj. Barrett declared he does not believe.

Maj. Barrett appeared chagrined at the Commissioners' action in dismissing liquor law violation charges against the grill and throwing out the guilty findings of the ABC Board.

He declared Pvt. Wallace did not himself bring the original charges against the tavern, 235 G Street, but areas within a year, the spokesman said.

## Clear Skies Forecast Tonight, With 28